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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
GROUP ART UNIT 3661**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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LOCKUP CLUTCH FOR A HYDRODYNAMIC TORQUE  
CONVERTER AND CONTROL DEVICE FOR  
IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD  
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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 9, 2003, please  
amend the above-referenced application without prejudice as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims,  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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